

Amendments to the Claims are as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A printer able to select and print arbitrary image data among plural image data recorded to a recording medium together with its a making date,
wherein, when automatic printing information for automatically printing the a set of image data selected in advance is recorded to said recording medium, printing according to ~~this~~ the automatic printing information is executed, and when said automatic printing information is not recorded, the making dates of the ~~respective plural~~ image data are compared and at least one item of image data ~~counted from the~~ starting from a newest side image data of the plurality of image data is printed.
2. (Currently Amended) The printer according to claim 1, wherein said recording medium is ~~set to~~ the recording medium of a digital camera.
3. (Currently Amended) The printer according to claim 1 ~~or 2~~, wherein said automatic printing information is ~~set to~~ a DPOF (Digital Print Order Format) file.
4. (Currently Amended) A printing method of a printer for selecting and printing arbitrary image data among plural image data recorded to a recording medium together with its a making date, the method comprising:
printing according to automatic printing information ~~wherein,~~
when the automatic printing information for automatically printing the a set of image data selected in advance is recorded to said recording medium, ~~printing according to this automatic printing information is executed,~~ and
comparing the making dates of the plural image data and
printing at least one item of image data starting from a newest image data of the plurality of image data when said automatic printing information is not recorded, ~~the making dates of the respective image data are compared and at least one item of image data counted from the newest side is printed.~~

5. (New) The printer according to claim 2, wherein said automatic printing information is a DPOF (Digital Print Order Format) file.

6. (New) A printer comprising:
a CPU (central processing unit) that reads a plurality of image data recorded on a recording medium and executes controls for printing at least one image data of the plurality of image data;
an image data selecting section connected to the CPU that selects the at least one image data, the image data selecting section retrieving whether automatic printing information is recorded on the recording medium, and
selects the at least one image data selected from the automatic printing information when the automatic printing information is recorded on the recording medium,
compares making dates of the plurality of image data and selects the at least one image data starting from image data having a newest making date when the automatic printing information is not recorded on the recording medium;
a driving section that accepts commands from CPU for printing the at least one image data; and
a recording head connected to the driving section and that prints the at least one image data.

7. (New) The printer according to claim 6, wherein said recording medium is the recording medium of a digital camera.

8. (New) The printer according to claim 6, wherein said automatic printing information is a DPOF (Digital Print Order Format) file.

9. (New) The printer according to claim 7, wherein said automatic printing information is a DPOF (Digital Print Order Format) file.